## WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1271

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Served August 3, 1973

Application of Executive ) Application No. 804
Limousine Service, Inc., for )
Temporary Authority to Operate )
Between Dulles International )
Airport and Washington, D. C. )

Executive Limousine Service, Inc. (Executive) has today applied for an extension of time to and including August 20, 1973, in which to file the supplemental pleadings permitted by our Order No. 1270. In support of its application, Executive alleges that its counsel was out of the country during the month of July and that, in consequence, it is not prepared to file the pleadings due today.

The application before us seeks temporary operating authority which may only be granted upon a showing of "an immediate and urgent need" for the contemplated service. Of necessity, such applications require expedited consideration by the Commission. When Executive submitted its initial application, its counsel advised us of his vacation plans but stated that another attorney "will be handling matters for me during my absence."

While we do not believe that Executive has shown good cause for any extension of time, we are anxious to decide this matter on the merits and not by the procedural default of a party or its counsel. Solely for that reason, we have decided to grant Executive an additional seven days within which its supplemental pleadings may be filed. Our order will allow the other parties a similar extension of time.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the time for filing supplemental pleadings and statements in accordance with Order No. 1270 be, and hereby is, extended to and including August 10, 1973. No further extensions of time will be granted.

FOR THE COMMISSION

Acting Executive Director